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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented) An asset management system for managing a plurality of ~~tangible asset~~keys by a remote user using a web browser, comprising:

at least one security asset manager for receiving a ~~tangible asset~~key, comprising co-located within a housing:

an asset control system including means for receiving an releasing ~~tangible asset~~keys,

a web server coupled to the asset control system,

wherein the co-located asset control system and web server share a single I/O unit coupled to the Internet; and

wherein the web server stores information regarding ~~tangible asset~~key transactions at the asset control system and the remote user can access and control the asset management system remotely by communication via the Internet between the web browser and the web server.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the web server permits the asset management system to be accessed based on one or more criteria.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 2 wherein the web server permits the ~~tangible asset~~keys to be removed from the stations or replaced to the stations based on the one or more criteria.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in claim 2 wherein the one or more criteria are provided to the web server by the remote user via the web browser over the Internet.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 2 wherein the one or more criteria comprises a user ID, a user password, and a security access level.

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Claim 6 (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the server system provides the web browser at the remote user over the Internet with the stored information regarding the transaction with the security asset manager.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the server system stores information describing the security asset manager, the information comprising at least one of an identity, a location and an installation date of the asset manager.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the stored transaction information comprises at least one of a location of the security asset manager where one or more of the ~~tangible-asset~~keys were removed from or replaced to, an identity of the security asset manager where the ~~tangible-asset~~keys were removed from or replaced to, a date or time the ~~tangible-asset~~keys were removed from or replaced to, an identifier for each of the removed the ~~tangible-asset~~keys, and an identity of one or more users that removed the ~~tangible-asset~~keys.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the server system stores alarm information describing one or more alarm conditions to be satisfied to trigger an alarm of the asset management system.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 9 wherein the server system sounds the alarm of at least one of the asset management system and a remote system upon determining that the one or more alarm conditions have been satisfied.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the server system provides the web browser at the remote user with one or more graphical user interfaces for accepting data used by the web server to perform at least one of permitting the asset management system to be accessed, permitting the ~~tangible-asset~~keys to be removed from the security asset manager, permitting the ~~tangible-asset~~keys to be replaced to the security asset

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manager, setting alarm conditions, and storing information that describes the asset management system.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 1 further comprising a user input interface coupled to the asset control system that receives user identification information associated with a request to access the asset management system.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 12 wherein the user input interface further comprises an access control card reader, the requester identification information being stored on an access card that is coupled to the access control card reader.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 13 wherein the server system converts the requestor identification information from a first format to a second format.

Claim 15 through Claim 51 (Cancelled)

Claim 52 (Previously Presented) A method of managing a plurality of ~~tangible asset~~keys received within a housing by at least one security asset manager, each asset manager comprising an asset control system that receives and releases ~~tangible asset~~keys, the method comprising:

- using a web server coupled to the asset control system;
- storing information in the web server regarding ~~tangible asset~~key transactions occurring in the asset control system,
- co-locating the web server and the asset control system within the housing to communicate with a web browser of a remote user, such that the remote user can access and control the asset management system remotely by communication via the Internet between the web browser and the web server; and
- using a single I/O unit coupled to the Internet and shared by the co-located web server and

asset control system.

Claim 53 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52 further comprising the web server permitting the asset management system to be accessed based on one or more criteria.

Claim 54 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 53 further comprising the web server permitting the ~~tangible-asset~~keys to be removed from the security asset manager or replaced to the security asset manager based on the one or more criteria.

Claim 55 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 53 further comprising providing the one or more criteria to the web server by the remote user via the web browser over the Internet.

Claim 56 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 53 wherein the one or more criteria comprises a user ID, a user password, and a security access level.

Claim 57 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52 further comprising the web server providing the web browser at the remote user over the Internet with the stored information regarding the transaction with the security asset manager.

Claim 58 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52 further comprising the web server storing information describing the security asset manager, the information comprising at least one of an identity, a location and an installation date of the asset manager.

Claim 59 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52 wherein the stored transaction information comprises at least one of a location of the security asset manager where one or more of the ~~tangible-asset~~keys were removed from or replaced to, an identity of the security asset manager where the ~~tangible-asset~~keys were removed from or replaced to, a date or time the ~~tangible-asset~~keys were removed, an identifier for each of the removed the ~~tangible~~

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~~asset~~keys, and an identity of one or more users that removed the ~~tangible asset~~keys.

Claim 60 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52 wherein the web server storing the alarm information describing one or more alarm conditions to be satisfied to trigger an alarm of the asset management system.

Claim 61 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 60 further comprising the web server server sounding the alarm of at least one of the asset management system and a remote system upon determining that the one or more alarm conditions have been satisfied.

Claim 62 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52 further comprising the web server providing the web browser at the remote user with one or more graphical user interfaces for accepting data used by the web server to perform at least one of permitting the asset management system to be accessed, permitting the ~~tangible asset~~keys to be removed from the security asset manager permitting the ~~tangible asset~~keys to be replaced to the security asset manager, setting alarm conditions, and storing information that describes the asset management system.

Claim 63 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52 in which the security asset manager further comprises a user input interface coupled to the asset control system, and the method further comprises receiving user identification information associated with a request to access the asset management system.

Claim 64 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 63 wherein the user input interface further comprises an access control card reader, the requester identification information being stored on an access card that is coupled to the access control card reader.

Claim 65 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 64 further comprising the web server converting the requestor identification information from a first format to a second format.

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Claim 66 through Claim 68 (Cancelled)

Claim 69 (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 52 further comprising using a server system to provide a remote system with one or more graphical user interfaces for accepting data used by the server system to perform at least one of permitting the security asset manager to be accessed, permitting the ~~tangible-asset~~keys to be removed from the housing, permitting the ~~tangible-asset~~key to be replaced in the housing, setting alarm conditions, and storing information that describes the security asset management system.